

The Commercial Review

Portland, Indiana 47371

www.thecr.com

\$1



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Prom candidates

Jay County High School will crown its prom queen and king during promenade, which begins at 8 p.m. Saturday at the school. Pictured, front row from left, are queen candidates Maggie Dillon, Bella Denton, Molly Muhlenkamp, Chloe Ruiz and Sarah McClain. Back row are king candidates Justin DeHoff, Reece Leavell, Ryan Cross, Jackson Edwards and Luke Vormohr.

AV is up for county, down in cities

Tax bills for spring are due May 10

The Commercial Review

If you live in a city or town in Jay County, expect to see a bigger tax rate on your spring bills this year.

If you're outside of municipal limits, it's the opposite.

As spring property tax bills come due May 10, this year's rates mostly went down, with 13 of Jay County's 18 tax districts seeing lower rates for 2024 as compared to 2023.

But that's a big "mostly," as rates jumped up in all six municipalities, including by double digit percentages year-over-year in four cities and towns.

Although the spikes in assessed values that rocketed tax bills upward over the last few years have stopped, some municipal taxpayers could still see another bump in their annual bills for 2024.

Property tax rates are determined each year by taking the amount of taxes local governments need to raise, the levy, and dividing by the total assessed value of that units. Tax rates for overlapping individual units — county government, cities and towns, schools, libraries and townships — are added up to a total rate for a tax district.

In 2024, all of the rural township districts saw small drops in their tax rates of about 2%, driven mostly by a small reduction in the tax rate for the countywide Jay County School Corporation.

But in the cities and towns, rates were up significantly, with Portland seeing a 13.08% increase year-over-year, followed by Dunkirk and Pennville at nearly 12% increases and Redkey up 11%.

See AV page 2

night she hasn't decided whether to proceed with an overthrow attempt.

The speaker's decision to vote on Ukraine aid greatly boosts the chances of resolving a congressional impasse that has dragged on since October, when President Joe Biden requested emergency assistance for Kyiv's fight against a Russian invasion.

Splitting the aid into separate packages could ease passage.

See Aid page 2

Votes on aid planned for this week

By ERIK WASSON and BILLY HOUSE

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Speaker Mike Johnson plans separate U.S. House votes this week on new aid to Israel and Ukraine, in an attempt to assemble fragile coalitions to speed weaponry to both besieged allies.

The move could end a months-long Republican blockade on help for Kyiv while also responding quickly to Iran's missile

and drone attack in Israel over the weekend.

"The world is watching us to see how we'll react," Johnson said Monday, as he announced the plan.

The maneuver taps

urgency among many U.S. lawmakers to show solidarity with Israel in the wake of the attack while testing the determination of ultraconservatives to block Ukraine aid. Hard-

line Republican Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia has threatened to force a vote on deposing the speaker if the House considers any Ukraine aid.

Greene said Monday

House to consider funding packages for Ukraine and Israel

Former student accused

By MARK FITTON

The Tribune-Star (Terre Haute) Tribune News Service

A former Indiana State University student is facing federal charges of making violent threats via social media against the university, its officials and other people in Vigo County.

Nicholas Wheeler, 27, of Seaside, California, is in custody in California. He faces one count of transmitting an extortionate threat to kidnap or injure, as well as one count of transmitting a threat to kidnap or injure.

Authorities said they seized six firearms from Wheeler's residence, and one of those is thought to be the same firearm shown in one of his social media posts. The FBI also noted Wheeler was in possession of a pistol during a 2022 arrest in Indiana.

Court documents indicate the ISU Police Department on March 19 asked the FBI for help regarding Wheeler "making threats against the university, professors, attorneys, judges and several other individuals," according to a probable cause affidavit filed by Indianapolis-

27-year-old allegedly made violent threats

based FBI Special Agent Jacob A. Overton.

Wheeler was taken into custody at his home March 20 after a welfare check by Presidio of Monterey Police Department officers. He initially was held on a 72-hour assessment under California's welfare code, according to an affidavit. A federal arrest warrant was issued March 22.

Wheeler, according to the FBI's probable cause affidavit, is a former ISU student who studied in the school's flight program.

The threatening posts on his X account (formerly Twitter) began on or about March 14 and continued through March 19, authorities say. Among such posts on Wheeler's account, according to the probable cause filing:

"I have a fully loaded 200 round MG-M2 machine gun. An uzi, an ar15, and a few glocks. I'm gonna have revenge. I went ahead and bought level 4 body armor and a bullet proof helmet."

"Save all my tweets. I'll be on the news in 72 hours if I don't get my money. My professors paid someone 50k to have me raped and castrated in my apartment to make me unfit for flight. They even locked me out of the flight academy at Indiana state university."

"I wish I didn't have to do what I'm gonna be doing. I told these people to apologize and give me money. They wouldn't do it. So I'm coming back to Indiana for the last time. I am going to go berserk. Last chance 500k send it."



Tribune News Service/Chicago Tribune/Terrence Antonio James

Mourning daughter

Jose Molina (right) is consoled before the start of a prayer vigil for his slain daughter Ariana Molina in the 2000 block of West 52nd Street in Chicago on Monday. A shooting over the weekend claimed the life of 9-year-old Ariana Molina.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Tuesday. The low was 52.

Rain is expected tonight with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour and a low in the upper 40s. Expect partly cloudy skies Fri-

day with showers in the morning, partly cloudy skies, continued windy conditions and a high in the upper 50s. Friday's low will be around 40.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

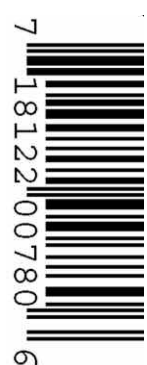
Center Cemetery Board will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library. Anyone who has purchased a plot or has an ancestor interred in Center Cemetery (Indiana 26 and county road 500 West) is invited to attend.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — Results from Friday's JCHS softball game against Madison-Grant.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



AV ...

Continued from page 1
Bryant and Salamonina had smaller increases, but still 7.3% and 5.8% changes, respectively. Those increases aren't being driven by major changes in local government spending, but instead in an across-the-board decrease in assessed values in Jay County's cities and towns. While the total assessed value of the county increased just shy of 3% from 2023 to 2024, values in the municipalities dropped. Dunkirk's assessed value dipped 7.27%, followed by

Pennville down 6.93% and Portland down 6.35% year over year. Bryant's assessed value dropped 3.53% and Redkey and Salamonina both saw 1.68% declines in their total value. Those drops have made the denominator in the tax rate equation smaller, resulting in higher tax rates in 2024. The drop in municipal values reverses a recent trend of spiking property values that has hit Indiana taxpayers hard since the pandemic. Jay County's assessed value growth slowed to 2.93% in 2024 — growth

around 3% would be considered "normal" in years prior to the recent volatility in prices — a far cry from the 14.71% spike the county saw from 2022 to 2023. Neighboring counties in Adams, Blackford, Delaware and Randolph all saw values spike about 13% in 2023. This year's change has been mixed for those neighbors — Adams and Delaware counties saw assessed values up about 3% like Jay County, but the numbers haven't chilled elsewhere as Randolph County's values

are up 9% and Blackford County saw an even bigger increase than 2023, up almost 16% this year. Other parts of the state have been seeing consistent double-digit increases in values for multiple consecutive years, which has caused tax bills to climb and put pressure on taxpayers. Higher tax rates usually, but not always, mean bigger tax bills. Since assessed values are down year-over-year, if the value of your house dropped enough it could balance out the

increase in the tax rate and your bill may be similar to 2023. If your value stayed the same, however, or increased, prepare to pay more to the county treasurer in May and November. Property owners might also be saved by Indiana's tax caps, which cap your bill at a 1% maximum of your total value. Since tax district rates in most of the municipalities are very high, property owners may already be capped out and therefore not see a significant change to their bills.

CR almanac

Friday 4/19	Saturday 4/20	Sunday 4/21	Monday 4/22	Tuesday 4/23
58/40	52/34	55/36	61/45	62/45
There's a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms on Friday, when wind gusts may reach 25 mph.	Mostly sunny skies on Saturday, with a high in the low 50s. At night, the low may dip to the 30s.	Sunday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with temperatures in the mid 50s.	Sunny skies are expected Monday, with a low chance of rain at night.	Another chance of rain and thunderstorms is on the horizon for Tuesday.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$78 million	Evening Daily Three: 1-1-5 Daily Four: 6-7-0-6 Quick Draw: 3-6-9-15-16-18-20-23-25-36-39-43-45-47-49-50-52-60-63-74
Mega Millions 21-26-36-44-59 Mega Ball: 2 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$178 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 7-2-1 Pick 4: 2-5-0-8 Pick 5: 3-6-7-5-3 Evening Pick 3: 0-6-9 Pick 4: 2-7-2-1 Pick 5: 2-5-0-6-2 Rolling Cash: 11-16-23-29-35 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 5-7-8 Daily Four: 3-7-4-8 Quick Draw: 1-3-6-13-15-18-21-24-26-29-32-34-39-43-51-53-58-59-73-75	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.37 May corn.....4.37 Wheat4.21	May beans11.41 Wheat 5.16
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.40 May corn.....4.40 June corn4.41	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.10 May corn.....4.14 Beans11.33 May beans11.36 Wheat5.13
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.23 May corn.....4.23 Beans11.41	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.93 May corn.....4.00 Beans11.19 May beans11.24 Wheat4.88

Today in history

In 1775, Paul Revere made his ride to warn residents in the Boston area that the British were going to attack. In 1879, Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Wurttemberg, Germany. In 1973, more than two dozen emergency personnel from various agencies in Jay County underwent training regarding explosive ordnance at Jay County Courthouse. In 1998, Brent Muhlenkamp and Brianne Horn were crowned Jay County High School's prom king and queen. In 2013, the Fort Recovery High School baseball team continued its turn-around with a 3-2 victory over Franklin-Monroe. It was the 10th win of the season for the Indians, who finished 9-17 in 2012 and had won just two games apiece in 2010 and '11. In 2018, Jay County Development Corporation executive director Bill Bradley informed the organization's board of directors that he had accepted a job as president/CEO of LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation. He had been with JCDC for almost 11 years. In 2022, Jay School Board hired Chuck Roesch to become the third band director in the history of Jay County High School. Roesch, who had been at Center-ville for two decades, took over for the retiring Kelly Smeltzer. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 S. Mooney St.	5 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Center Cemetery Board, Community Room, Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Monday 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.	

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash
Three people sustained injuries after a crash at the intersection of Indiana 26 and Indiana 67 about 3:40 p.m. Tuesday. Paighton L. Bromagem, 17, Pennville, was stopped in a 2012 Chevrolet Sonic on Indiana 26 headed southeast at its intersection with Indiana 67. Bromagem began turning the vehicle east onto the other highway and pulled in front of a 2008 Sterling Acterra truck, driven by 48-year-old Peter R. Watson of Noblesville. Watson couldn't avoid hitting the vehicle Bromagem was driving. Bromagem sustained some minor bleeding on her arm, and Watson complained of upper arm pain. Bromagem's passengers, 18-year-old Kristen M. Bromagem of Pennville and 16-year-old Alex Doll of Portland, also sustained injuries. Kristen Bromagem had minor bleeding on her arm, and Doll had a bruise on his head. Bromagem and her passengers were transported to IU Health Jay for their injuries. The vehicle Wat-

son was driving is registered to Packing Systems of Wisconsin, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Hit rail
A Portland man crashed the car he was driving into a guard rail along county road 600 South after swerving to avoid hitting a dog about 3:22 p.m. Tuesday. Austin M. Keedy, 24, was driving a 2006 Chrysler Pacifica east on the road just east of Red-

Funding announced for PPE

By NIKI KELLY
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com
Gov. Eric Holcomb on Tuesday announced \$10 million in new personal protective equipment (PPE) for volunteer firefighters across Indiana. Most Indiana communities are served by volunteer fire departments, operating on shoestring budgets with dilapidated equipment, a press release said. Some wear protective gear and self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) that may be more than a decade old. Through Gov. Holcomb's 2023 Next Level Agenda, \$17.7 million was allocated to firefighters for PPE and new training facilities for volunteer stations across Indiana. This investment marks the first time the Indiana General Assembly has dedicated funds specifically to firefighters. The only other funding source for firefighters is

tax revenue from the sale of fire-works in Indiana. "While most people run from dangerous situations, firefighters run toward them to serve their community," Holcomb said. "This investment is long overdue in our state. Nothing could be more important than for these brave men and women to be both properly suited and trained. It's how we can best serve them as they serve us." The \$10 million will purchase 940 complete sets of PPE and SCBA, benefiting 66 fire departments across every Indiana fire district. The selection process addressed the poorest volunteer departments first and those with the oldest equipment. "I travel extensively across the state, and I'm shocked sometimes at the rags that some of these men and women are wearing on fire scenes. They run into burning buildings and are supposed to feel

protected," said Indiana State Fire Marshal Steve Jones. "The volunteer fire service is the backbone of Indiana fire protection. This investment is long overdue, and we will be working hard to find additional funding to enhance safety even more in the years to come." The funds are administered by the Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy, led by the Indiana State Fire Marshal and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The vendor, MES Inc., will work directly with individual firefighters to measure and fit the equipment before delivery. IDHS accepted submissions for several months in 2023 to determine the highest need departments. Here is a list of the departments that received gear. ***** Indiana Capital Chronicle is an independent, nonprofit news organization. Its website is indianacapitalchronicle.com.

Aid ...

Continued from page 1
Ultra-conservatives have balked at Ukraine spending, which has been widely supported by Democrats. Progressives, meanwhile, oppose funding to Israel without restrictions but have pushed to get Ukraine needed aid quickly. The Republican pack-


ages are still being drafted. A tentative summary indicates military aid totals mirror the aid in the \$95 billion Senate bill, minus the humanitarian assistance in that measure. Humanitarian assistance will come in the form of loans and could be tied to GOP priorities like speeding natural gas exports in a separate bill.

House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries said early Monday evening Republicans hadn't yet informed him of provisions in the legislation so he couldn't comment on potential Democratic support. Republican Representative Kevin Hern of Oklahoma, head of the Republican Study Committee, the largest group of House conservatives, said Johnson is "doing the right thing."


SERVICES
Friday
Glancy, Max: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Service listings provided by
PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS
120 N. Meridian St.
Portland, Indiana 47371
(260) 726-9201
progressiveofficeproducts.com

Gregory W. LeMaster for Indiana House District 33



- Attorney in Practice in the district since 2002. Married, Father of 6, and Grandfather to 5
- Fair Property Taxes for families and all industries. Work to better fund our towns and cities.
- Level playing field for all businesses and stop government picking winners and losers.
- Focus on Families and Family Housing as an investment that is never wasted.
- Encourage access to health care by limiting liability of small independent family doctors.
- Protect Hoosiers from AI, genetic manipulation, and bring search and seizure law into the digital age.
- Communities flourish when their young people, skilled trades, and professionals return to the community. Lets encourage this with all our might and rededicate ourselves to rebuild our communities for the next generation of families.
- See more on at: www.lemaster.law or on Facebook.



Paid for by the Gregory W. LeMaster for House District 33 Candidates Committee

Wesley Allen Iron Beds Sold Here!
Mattresses are 2 sided and flippable
Queen Sets start at \$499.90

Made in Muncie for over 70 years

Holder Bedding

Open M-F 9:00a-5:30p;
Saturdays 10:00a-3:00p

www.holderbedding.net

Affordably priced everyday!

1815 N Granville Av, Muncie
765-747-8103

The CR

Capital SPECIALS

The Commercial Review				
	Run it once	Run it twice	Run it three times	Run it four times
1/2 page color	\$400	\$325 each (\$650 total)	\$250 each (\$750 total)	\$200 each (\$800 total)
1/4 page color	\$250	\$225 each (\$450 total)	\$200 each (\$600 total)	\$175 each (\$700 total)
3x5 black and white	\$195	\$150 each (\$300 total)	\$115 each (\$345 total)	\$95 each (\$380 total)

Rates do not apply to special sections. Ads must run in April.

GRAPHIC PRINTING
NEWSPAPERS

Contact Lindsey at
L.Cochran@thecr.com
or (260) 726-8141



Photo provided

Kindness counts

East Jay Elementary recently recognized students pictured above for demonstrating kindness. Pictured, front row, are Coltyn Pearcy, Zaylee White and Gracie Bowlan, second row, are Lucy Locke, Kynlee Homan, Aria Coats, Henry Ankrom, Colin Kelly, Dominga Bernal Guzaro, Evelynne Cook and Wylee Vanaist-Tackett, third row, are Claire Schmiesing, Mikken Huffel, Keenan Osterholt, Remy Stephen, Luke Jellison, Maxwell Cox, Adalyn Broering, Sophia Lawhead and Carysn Guggenbiller, and fourth row, are Brody Jacobs, Ella Case, Eli Dailey, Kyndal Coats, Alyssa Schwieterman, Grace Huelskamp, Harper Kunkle, Kellan Tout and Journey Reynolds.

Woman believes mom is playing favorites

DEAR ABBY: I am on a limited income. My younger sister, "Tara," is a medical professional with disposable income she spends on frivolous things. I have one son, age 13; she has three children, ages 14, 10 and 3. Tara and I live a few miles apart; our mother lives 60 miles away. My mother keeps my sister's kids every other week. She rarely keeps my son. I must bring my son to her; she drives all the way to Tara's house to pick up her kids and take them home.

I have "borrowed" a rather decent sum of money from my mother. She regularly asks me about paying it back. She spends a lot of extra money on food for Tara's kids because of their special dietary needs. Between that

Dear Abby



and all the driving back and forth, my mother has spent nearly twice as much catering to my sister as what I have borrowed in the same amount of time.

I feel this is very one-sided and that, for some reason, my mother cares more about Tara than about me. I also feel like my son is neglected by my mother. Am I wrong for feeling like this? Should I say something or just leave it alone?

—LOPSIDED IN GEORGIA
DEAR LOPSIDED: It appears you are jealous of your sister for many reasons. Your mother has the right to spend her time and money on whatever she pleases, as does your sister. I don't know why your mother favors Tara's children. Perhaps it's time to ask her why.

As to her request you repay the money she has loaned you, I suggest you work out a repayment plan starting NOW in the hope that it will improve your relationship with her. But if that doesn't happen, arrange for someone else to watch your son.

.....

DEAR ABBY: When I met my

husband, I felt valued. But ever since I got pregnant, he no longer considers my feelings or treats me as a priority. I have to beg for his support, but when his mom and sister need help, he is quick to help them.

The reason I married him was because he seemed loyal and dedicated to his family, and I thought he would be that way with us. However, during the last few months of my pregnancy I have felt ignored. He is not really excited about the baby, and we haven't bonded while I am pregnant.

I feel like I'm the last item on his list. I am slowly detaching from him. Even if things change when the baby is here, I don't think I'll respect him or have those love feelings anymore. I

now see him in a different light that I find unattractive. Please help. — AT A CROSSROADS IN MAINE

DEAR CROSSROADS: Before this goes any further, recognize that you have steered yourself to a fork in the road. The path you should take is the one that leads to your OB-GYN's office. Your doctor should be told what is happening in your head and in your marriage because you could be experiencing symptoms of pre-partum depression. Do not put this off. Your baby is going to need a father, and the further you distance yourself from your husband, the less likely it will be that they have one.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses

on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior; and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland.

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will

meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9

p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10

a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, April 19, at Harmony Café in Portland.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E.

High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland.

Sudoku

				4				
2					5		6	
			1	2	9		8	
				5	7		3	
7			9		6			4
	9	3						
	1							
	8	9			1	7		5
	7	4						

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

6	7	2	5	3	9	4	8	1
8	1	3	4	7	6	5	9	2
9	5	4	2	8	1	6	7	3
7	8	9	6	1	2	3	5	4
5	3	1	7	9	4	8	2	6
2	4	6	3	5	8	7	1	9
3	9	8	1	6	5	2	4	7
4	6	5	9	2	7	1	3	8
1	2	7	8	4	3	9	6	5

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

Help us choose our TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Graphic Printing Company will honor its second Teacher of the Year in a special section in May (We may honor multiple teachers based on your nominations.)

- Anyone can nominate a teacher. The award is open to anyone who:
- Teaches in our coverage area (Jay, Randolph and Blackford counties, eastern Delaware county and Fort Recovery)
 - Is a teacher who lives in our coverage area
 - Is a teacher who previously lived in our coverage area.

To nominate, send us a letter that includes your name, the name of the teacher being nominated, their school, the grade(s) and subject(s) they teach and your reasons for nominating them.

You can send it to
news@thecr.com



The deadline is April 30.

Governor candidate ideas fall short

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Four men and three women want to be the next Indiana governor:

Some Republicans met for televised debates. They offered “plans” for this and for that.

Governor Eric Holcomb demands they provide more details. The Indiana Capital Chronicle (ICC) declares, “Time for gubernatorial candidates to get real on the real issues”

The Indianapolis Business Journal (IBJ) asks a specific question, “What does the state need to do to boost Indiana’s per capita income?”

It’s the wrong question, but five candidates responded. Only Brad Chambers responded to that question. The others want to cut taxes which just encourages more consumer spending.

Eye on the Pie



But before we get into the policy bracken, let’s be sure we know what we’re talking about. Previously, we reported “in the third quarter of 2023, Hoosier workers made \$219 per week less than workers nationwide.”

Take that \$219/week and multiply it by 52 weeks in the year and you have almost \$11,400. Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch says, “the average American needs an extra \$11,400 more today than they

did three years ago just to meet basic needs.”

Where did her \$11,400 come from? Is that the average worker or the average household in the U.S. or in Indiana?

Crouch suggests a gradual elimination of our already low income tax or (her figures) \$2,000 for the average Hoosier’s pocket

Is that sum the current personal income tax revenue divided by what? The number of workers, the number of tax returns, the number of households or the total population of the state?

Which income? Income from earning, from capital gains, from interest, dividends and rent. Do we include social security payments? How about Medicare benefits received?

Retirement or pension distributions?

Then there’s Mr. Holier-than-thou Eric Doden who wants to freeze property taxes for an unspecified group of elderly homeowners. Why not include elderly renters who pay property taxes via their landlords?

Does Doden know Indiana has 314,200 persons 65 and older living alone? That’s 28% of the elderly.

That grotesque inefficiency factors into our housing crisis. He says high property taxes can force seniors out of their homes. As governor he should keep property taxes on these space hogs and foster new romantic cohabitation among the elderly.

Mike Braun would reduce health care costs. This will increase patient visits and

kvetching (habitually complaining) to health care workers.

Chambers’ imperious idea of economic development is top-down from the state via the high-handed agency he once headed.

Curtis Hill wants to cut various taxes. He says nothing about how the state will maintain services needed by the vigorous economy he fantasizes will develop.

What would I suggest? Thanks for asking.

Raise the corporate income tax, institute a graduated personal income tax, improve public services and give businesses modest tax breaks for raising real wages for their lowest paid workers.

.....
Marcus is an economist. Email him at mortonjmarcus@gmail.com.

Trump responsible for setback to 1864

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

Donald Trump had really lousy timing to announce Monday that he wanted to return abortion policy back to the states as it was before Roe v. Wade and promptly on Tuesday, Arizona returned back to 1864, with an ancient ban on the medical procedure. Oh, Arizona is one of the five states that Trump won in 2016 and then lost to Joe Biden in 2020. Oops.

What’s next, some ban going back to colonial times?

The political problem is all Trump’s as he scrabbles to contain the fallout he created, while Arizona doctors could soon face two to five years in prison for providing an abortion.

The old law that is the new law bans humanely and compassionately terminating pregnancies for rape and incest victims and in instances of certain fetal death or when the mother’s health would be irreversibly impaired, including making her unable to become pregnant again. The sole exception in the 19th century law is to save the woman’s own life.

As Trump likes to brag (and as he did so again on Monday), he did this, having stacked the U.S. Supreme Court with three hardliner justices who joined Sam Alito and Clarence Thomas to overthrow a half-century of settled law and stare decisis, apparently the Latin phrase for we get to do whatever we want to do.

Trump was correct after the Dobbs opinion came down nearly two years ago, that it would be bad for Republicans. And it’s getting worse.

But more important than the electoral prospects for Republicans and their nominee, Trump, abortion care, guaranteed to American women and girls in every state for decades, is being stripped away. The well-being of millions of real people is at stake in Arizona and who knows where else is next.

The Arizona Supreme Court decided that without Roe and no federal right to abortion, the clock would back to the very beginning: 1864, when the Arizona Territory was created during the Civil War, being

Guest Editorial

The Arizona Supreme Court decided that without Roe and no federal right to abortion, the clock would back to the very beginning ...

carved out of the New Mexico Territory.

This is not the Old West, it’s well before the Old West. In 1864, Deputy U.S. Marshal Wyatt Earp was 16 and not yet living in the territory. He wouldn’t move to Tombstone for another 15 years. And the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral wouldn’t be until 1881.

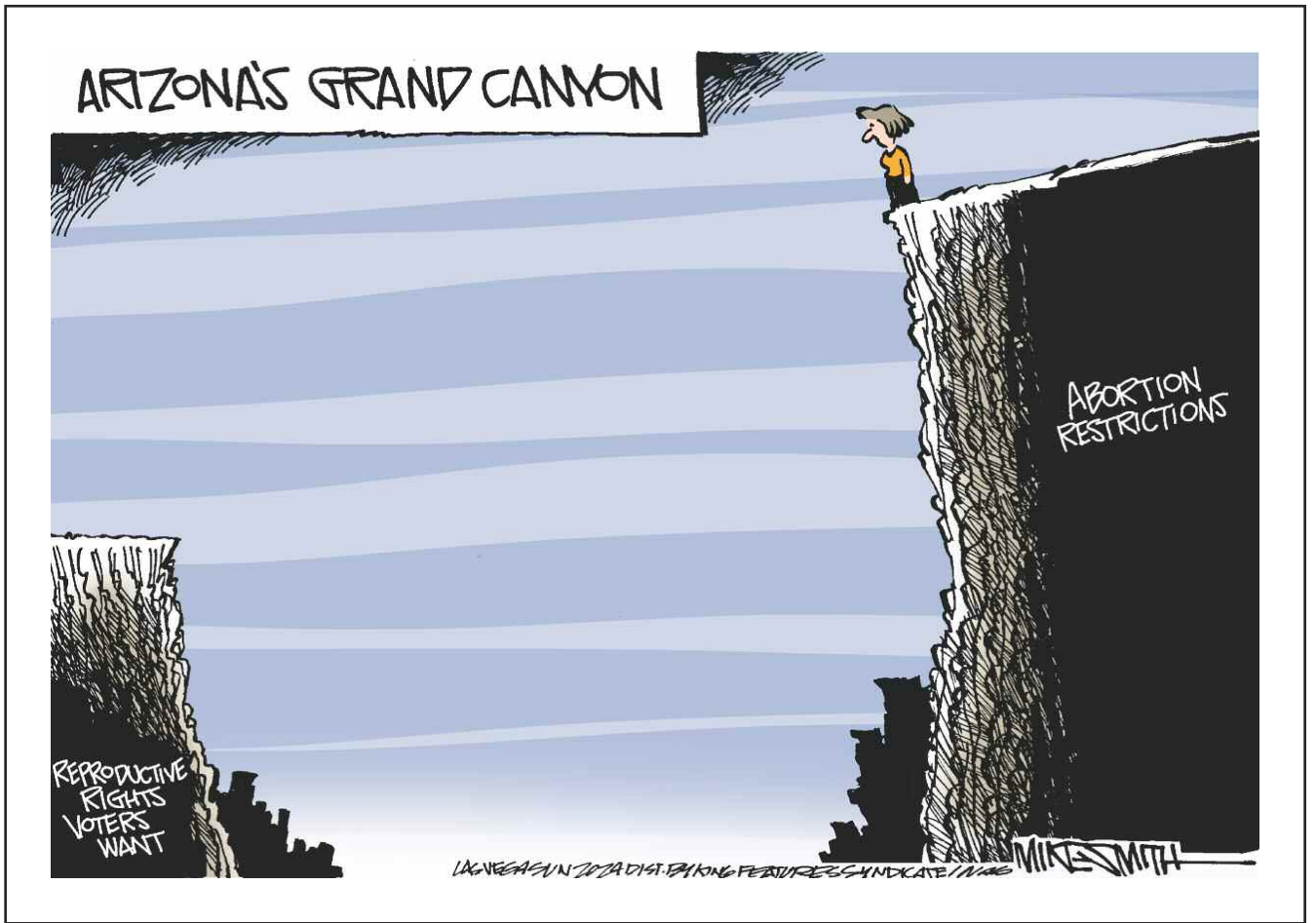
Think about it, 1864 was 48 years before Arizona became a state (in 1912) and it was 109 years before Roe.

The majority justices of the Arizona Supreme Court didn’t write that they wanted to do this, but simply that the 1864 law had been enjoined since Roe and without Roe, the old came back to life.

Democratic Gov. Katie Hobbs has been urging the Republican legislature to erase the 1864 statute since she took office in January 2023, but she noted that both the GOP speaker of the House and the GOP Senate president backed an amicus “urging the court to do exactly what it did.” Like we said before, oops.

Arizona voters may have an abortion question on the ballot this November (such a question is still yet to be certified) and if so, they will likely vote the same way Americans in every other state have voted to support abortion rights and oppose abortion bans.

And even if there is no referendum, the voters will know who set their state back 160 years.



Insecurity infiltrates education

By NATALYA GREEN

The Fulcrum
Tribune News Service

The “broke, overly stressed, overworked, under-paid” college student stereotype is one of the most common among the population. Decades ago, college tuition (with the accompanying dependency on ramen noodles) was solely to blame; however as inflation increases, tuition has no longer become the sole concern of affordability for many students.

Despite 72% of undergraduates and 74% of graduate students receiving some form of financial aid, students across the country struggle with meeting their basic needs, including housing.

According to a recent report released by the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study, 8% of undergraduates (1.4 million students) and 5% of graduate students (180,000) nationwide reported experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity in 2020. The report analyzed all students, but those of color, specifically those identifying as Native American, Indigenous, and/or African American, face higher rates of homelessness and housing insecurity in comparison to their white or Asian counterparts. Why?

The problem was exasperated by the pandemic as university resources were quickly depleted, and students were moved to a remote setting limiting additional resources and aid. In addition, employment became extremely limited. Three years since the initial outbreak, the numbers have not improved. Tuition has increased by 32% with median income only increasing by 13%. Many students post-pandemic have taken on additional employment responsibilities, which may lead to demanding work schedules impacting their academic performance and mental health.

Unfortunately, a recent study found that among the students facing housing insecurity, 72% have highly

Natalya Green



considered dropping out of higher education because of the economic burden; yet by dropping out, these students further risk not achieving a higher-paying vocation, which can lead to further housing insecurity. In addition, students who do not complete their degree are at higher risk for not paying loans and remaining in debt. It becomes a never-ending cycle of financial and housing instability.

While many students rely on and receive aid, it is not enough to cover the high costs of basic living. For many students, living on campus is the best and cheaper option. However, campus housing has become limited as enrollment rates increase. In addition, young adults, especially undergraduates, have a hard time achieving off-campus housing because they may not have the credit, cosigner/guarantor, security deposit and other traditional standards that come with acquiring an apartment or home.

Despite data demonstrating the impact of the lack of affordable housing for higher education, there are not as many resources to compensate for the rates of student homelessness and housing insecurity.

Some states such as Florida and Illinois have issued policies mandating that their public colleges and universities have special programs and facilities to address these issues. Yet, these resources are limited and not enough to address every student; additionally, one-third of these students are unaware of the assistance, resources and aid that their colleges and universities provide. While fed-

eral programs such as the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and Emergency Grant Aid for College Students offer financial assistance, these programs are either exempt to the average student and/or limited for temporary relief and do not provide a permanent solution. So what can be done?

To properly address these issues, efforts must be considered at the federal, state and local levels. Federal policymakers need to first properly collect and analyze data to determine the rate of housing insecurity among the higher education population via studies such as the American Housing Survey. Based on this data, the federal government can work to make more permanent solutions to emergency funding through programs such as Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program.

Additional solutions can be affirming fair housing against discrimination, exclusion and segregation. In addition, states can follow others such as California, Washington and Minnesota, which have created housing and support programs using designated funds from their state budgets. Lastly, states can create legislation that channels designated anti-homelessness resources for universities to educate students on public programs. Lastly, colleges should create resource centers that promote housing security. They can partner with local charities, organizations, and nonprofits to establish a variety of aid programs to meet the needs of their students.

There are a variety of solutions to the student housing problem. Finding the best approach will require the efforts of everyone from the federal government to local communities. For students looking to better their futures through higher education, the time to address this problem is now.

.....
Green is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida and a member of Scholars Strategy Network.

The Commercial Review



US PS 125820

HUGH N. RONALD (1911-1983), Publisher Emeritus
JOHN C. “JACK” RONALD (1948-2022), Publisher Emeritus

RAY COONEY
President, editor and publisher

LOUISE RONALD
Board chair

TONIA HARDY
Business manager

BRIAN DODD
Production manager

The Commercial Review is published daily except Sundays, Mondays and four holidays (New Year’s Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas — holidays are observed on Tuesday when they fall on a Monday) by The Graphic Printing Co. Inc., 309 W. Main St., Portland, Indiana 47371. Periodical postage paid (USPS 125820) at Portland, Indiana. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Commercial Review, 309 W. Main St., P.O. Box 1049, Portland, Indiana 47371 or call (260) 726-8141.

We welcome letters to the editor, which are accepted by email only to letters@thecr.com. They should be 700 words or fewer; signed, with city/town of residence and include a phone number for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit for content and clarity.

VOLUME 150—NUMBER 235
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

www.thecr.com

“Were it left for me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government I should not hesitate to prefer the latter.”
—Thomas Jefferson

Subscription rates
Internet-only: Three days – \$3; Monthly auto-pay – \$10; 13 weeks – \$32; six months – \$60; one year – \$108.
City (walking – where available): Monthly auto-pay – \$11; 13 weeks – \$36; six months – \$68; one year – \$122.
Motor route (where available): Monthly auto-pay – \$12; 13 weeks – \$44; six months – \$74; one year – \$140.
Mail: Monthly auto-pay – \$13; 13 weeks – \$49; six months – \$80; one year – \$151.
Home delivery problems: Call (260) 251-9588



Area churches are listed with location, pastor and phone number, services and website or email address. All services are Sunday, unless otherwise indicated.

Asbury United Methodist
204 E. Arch St., Portland
Joe Boggs
(260) 726-8464
Services: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
asburyministries.org

Bellefountain United Methodist
440 S. 600 East
Pamela Freeman
Services: 9 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
80 E. 650 South
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Boundary St. Paul
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
Ava Gannon
(260) 726-2373
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Bryant Wesleyan
209 S. Hendricks St.
Paul VanCise
(260) 997-6231
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
bryantwesleyanchurch.com

Calvary United Methodist
301 N. Main St., Dunkirk
Susan Durovey-Antrim
(765) 499-0368
Services: 10:30 a.m.
susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

Christ Chapel
105 S. Elm St., Fort Recovery
Quentin Elsea
(419) 733-1469
christchapelfr.com

Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)
8472 S. 800 East, Union City
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Church of God of Prophecy
797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland
Nanette Weesner
(260) 766-9334
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nanybell@yahoo.com

Church of the Brethren
Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
Kevin McClung
(260) 729-7295
Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

Collett Nazarene
450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Cornerstone Baptist
211 E. Main St., Portland
Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of Pennville
190 W. Main St., Pennville
David Davidson
(260) 202-9718
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Dunkirk Nazarene
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
Tom Fett
(765) 768-6199
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
2875 E. 200 South
Pamela Freeman
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
200 E. Elder St., Portland
Ronald Willis
(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

Fellowship Baptist
289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

First American Baptist
427 S. Main St., Dunkirk
Dan Coffman
(765) 768-7157
Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

First Church of Christ
1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery
David J. Nicholson
(419) 375-2860
Services: 10:30 a.m.
fccftrecovery.org

First Community Baptist
341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
Everett Bilbrey Jr.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. Wednesday

First Free Will Baptist
12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

First Presbyterian
402 N. Ship St., Portland
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
(260) 726-8462
Services: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
firstpcportland.org

Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. David Yinger
(937) 337-5781
Services: 9 a.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Geneva First United Methodist
100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
(260) 368-7655
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene
225 Decatur St., Geneva
(260) 525-8609
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Gilead Church
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren
Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
Services: 10:30 a.m.

High Street United Methodist
435 High St., Geneva
Rev. Joseph Hampton
(260) 368-7233
Services: 9 a.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
Services: 8 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Hopewell of Life Ministries
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
506 E. Walnut St., Portland
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
(260) 726-7055
Services: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Kingsley Full Gospel
4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk
Stuart Phillips
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

Mary Help of Christians
403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
(419) 375-4153
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

Mount Tabor Community Church
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
Scott McClain
(765) 768-7273
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 223-2961
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
mypleasanthillchurch.org

Portland Church of Christ
1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Bob Graham
(260) 726-7777
Bible class: 9:15 a.m.
Services: 10:20 a.m.
Bible School: 6 p.m. Wednesday
portlandcoc.com

Portland First Church of Nazarene
920 S. Shank St., Portland
Steve Cecil
(260) 726-8040
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Portland Friends
226 E. Main St., Portland
Herb Hummel
(260) 202-9732
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.

Praise Chapel Church of God
4527 E. 1000 North (Jay-Randolph county line)
Rev. Josh Canfield
(765) 584-7045
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran
Malin and Elm streets, Bryant
Father Dan Layden
(260) 997-6787
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey Faith Ministries
9811 W. Indiana 67, southwest of Redkey
Rev. Craig and Robin Cotherman
(765) 369-2920
Services: 10 a.m.
RedkeyFaith.org

Redkey First Christian
Union and Malin streets
Jeff Hammers
(765) 468-6172
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey United Methodist
122 W. Main St.
Lori McIntosh
(765) 369-2085
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redkey Church of the Nazarene
801 W. High St.
Chuck Hollandbeck
(765) 369-2676
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

River of Life
722 W. Main St., Portland
Susan Hathaway
(260) 729-1095
Services: 10:30 a.m.

The ROCK
1605 N. Meridian St., Portland
Matt Ransom
(260) 726-7474
Services: 10 a.m.
matt@therockkcj.org

Salamonia Church of Christ
3900 S. 600 East
Bruce Phillips
(260) 335-2017
Services: 9 a.m.

Second Chance at Life Ministries
228 S. Meridian St., Portland
Dave Keen (260) 251-8792
Mike Eads (260) 703-0733
Services: 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic
1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 7:30 a.m. Sunday

St. Mary's Catholic
346 S. Broad St., Dunkirk
Rev. Kevin Hurley
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

St. Paul Catholic
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

St. Peter Catholic
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 9 a.m. Sunday

Sugar Grove Nazarene
3984 N. 500 West, Portland
Pastor Mike Heckman
(615) 517-1017
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Bible study: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Sugar Grove Church
County roads 600 South and 1150 West, Dunkirk
Scott McClain
Services: 9 a.m.

Temple Baptist
17920 Indiana 167, Dunkirk
John Elam
(765) 768-7708
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday
7pillarsdirector@gmail.com
templebaptistin.com

The Church at Westchester
4487 E. 400 North
(260) 726-6311
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:35 a.m.
churchatwestchester.org

Trinity Lutheran
301 N. Wayne St., Fort Recovery
Robin Owen
(419) 375-4498
Services: 9 a.m. (contemporary service, fourth Sunday)
pastorrobino@gmail.com

Trinity ArchBridge Church
323 S. Meridian St., Portland
Dan Vore
(260) 726-8391
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Services: 10:15 a.m.
portlandtrinity.com

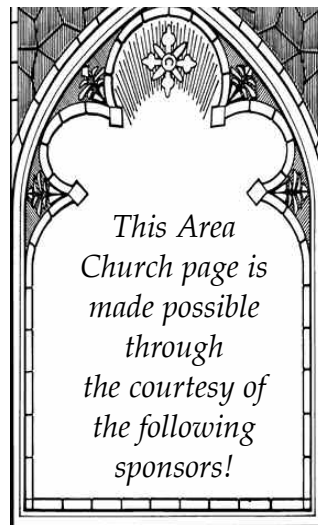
Union Chapel
6200 N. 375 West, Bryant
Interim Pastor Chris Kruckow
(260) 849-0687
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene
County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
Steve Rogers
(260) 251-1113
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

West Walnut Church of Christ
204 W. Walnut St., Portland
Gil Alicea
(260) 726-4691
Services: 10 a.m.
westwalnutchurchofchrist.org

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Robin Owen
218 E. High St., Portland
(260) 726-8832
zionlutheranportland@gmail.com
Services: 10:30 a.m.

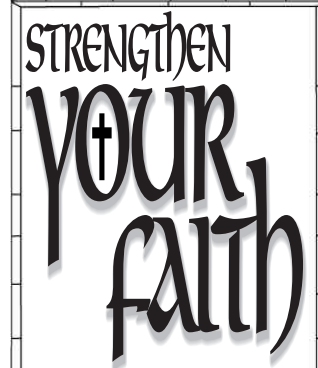


Williamson, Spencer & Penrod Funeral Homes, Inc.

Todd & Rob Penrod
"Serving As We Would Be Served"
From 2 Convenient Locations
PORTLAND (260) 726-7111
PENNVILLE (260) 731-8811

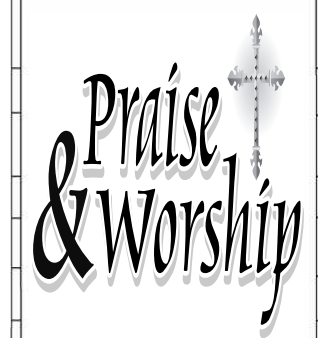


We're your Convenience Store and a whole lot more!

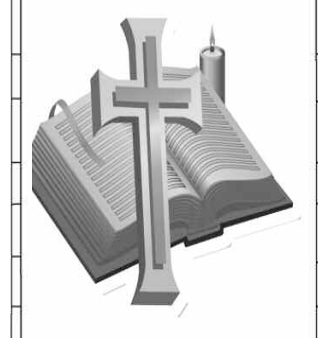


Behind every project is a **True Value**.
Portland True Value
Shop Local
Save Time • Save Money
(260) 726-6263
1100 N. Meridian St.
Portland, IN

Arm's Auto Body
260.726.7343
Mike Blowers, Owner
801 N. Wayne Street - Portland, IN
Quality Work Since 1969
All Makes & Models
All Insurance Companies
Hours: M-F 8 to 5



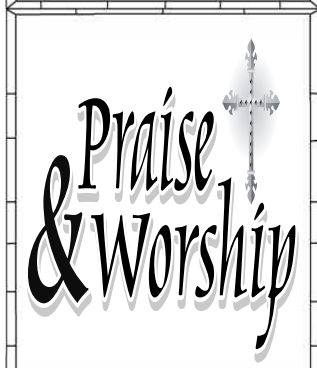
MAY FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.
LIFE • HEALTH
INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
MEDICARE
SUPPLEMENTS
ANNUITIES
JEFF HALL
your hometown agent
for over 30 years
(260) 729-5200
jeff@mayfig.com
111 W. Main Street • Portland, IN



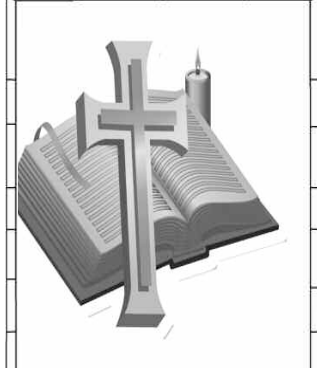
R. DAVIS & SONS
CONCRETE • EXCAVATING
Complete Septic Systems
Backhoe • Dozer
Hauling • Trenching
Drain Cleaning
3042 West 400 North,
Portland
p 260.726.2230



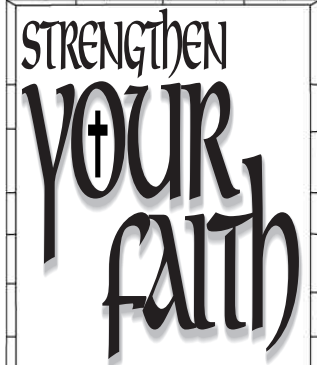
Great Food, No Bull!
1204 W. Votaw Portland
(260) 726-9647



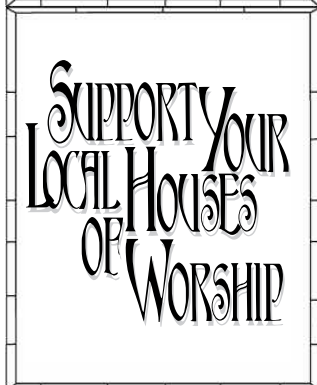
Baird-Freeman Funeral Home
The Teeter Family
221 N. Meridian St
Portland, IN 47371
(260) 726-7171



Williams Auto Parts
Used Auto and Truck Parts
www.williamsautopartsinc.com
1127 S. Detroit Ave.
Portland, IN 47371
(260) 726-8001
All inventory online



Swiss Village, Inc.
Independent Duplex Homes
Independent Living Apartments
Residential & Assisted Living
Short Term Rehabilitation
Healthcare & Dementia Care
Therapy Services
Berne, IN • 260.589.3173 • www.swissvillage.org



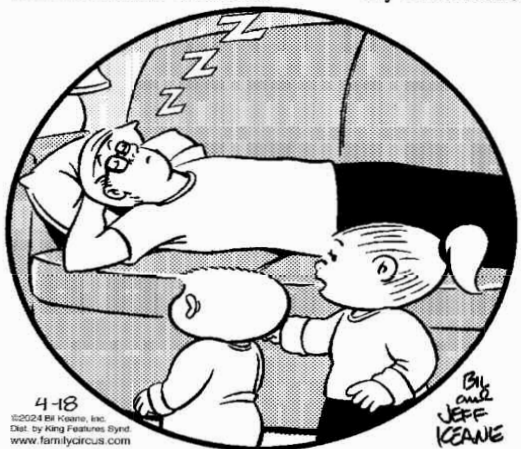
SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



4-18 ©2024 King Features Syndicate, Inc. Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc. www.kfs.com

Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Think before you act

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: ♠AK10, ♥J85, ♦763, ♣KQJ8. WEST: ♠9754, ♥K743, ♦94, ♣1052. EAST: ♠J6, ♥A92, ♦AK1085, ♣963. SOUTH: ♠Q832, ♥Q106, ♦QJ2, ♣A74.

The bidding: North East South West 1♣ 1♦ 1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass 2NT Pass 3NT. Opening lead—nine of diamonds. One of the gratifying aspects of bridge is that careless or thoughtless play does not often go unpunished.

carding a club. Declarer now cashed his four club winners, hoping to induce a spade discard from one or both opponents. But both defenders hung on to their spades, discarding hearts when they ran out of clubs. When declarer next played the A-K of spades, East's jack fell, but South was in no position to enjoy his windfall. If he cashed dummy's ten, he could not get to his hand to collect the queen, while if he overtook the ten with the queen, West's nine would become the high spade. South's downfall can be attributed directly to his misguided attempt to induce a defensive error by cashing his clubs immediately. In doing so, he gave up a perfectly legitimate chance to score four spade tricks if either opponent started with the singleton or doubleton jack of spades—about an 18% possibility. This, combined with the 36% chance of a 3-3 spade division, would have given him better than a 50% chance to make the contract. Had South simply cashed the A-K of spades while he still had the ace of clubs in his hand, he would have had no difficulty collecting the nine tricks he started with.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. ©2024 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

4-18

CRYPTOQUIP

VUR AUP'X WMGK XU HKPEUD EU BRHW EXRCC CDUB XWZE IUGKDPBKPX AUHRBKPX. VUR'DK UGKD-DKAMHXZPI. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHY COULDN'T THE TEDDY BEAR FINISH GORGING ON HIS FOOD? BECAUSE HE WAS ALREADY STUFFED. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals F

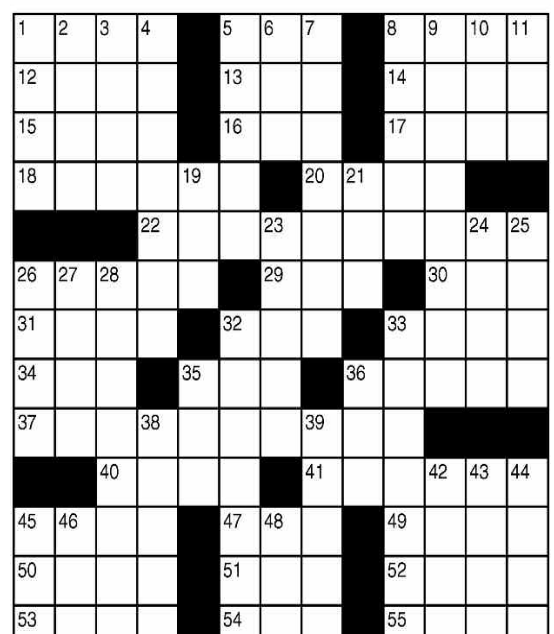
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Painter, 5 Beer, 8 RCA, 12 Six-sided, 13 Rowing, 14 Aviation, 15 NYC, 16 Dad on, 17 Slanted, 18 Rival of, 20 Brzezinski, 22 Attraction, 26 Thin, 29 Sports-caster, 30 PBS, 31 Love god, 32 Cacophony, 33 Tempo. 34 Be sick, 35 Camp, 36 Bar, 37 Ski resort, 40 Duel, 41 Mountain, 45 "Trust Exercise", 47 Showtime, 49 Speck, 50 Prince in, 51 "— a Camera", 52 Crazy, 53 Rim, 54 Snooze. 55 Transcript, 19 Sailor, 21 Bit of, 23 Musical, 1 Fall, 2 Perched, 3 Hindu, 4 William, 5 Big camera, 6 Corn unit, 7 Imp, 8 Japanese, 9 One, 10 "— la-la", 11 Book-, 36 Life story, 38 Actress, 39 Walk, 42 Rise, 43 Jazzy, 44 Back talk, 45 "Evita", 46 Pos-, 48 Sheepish.

Solution time: 24 mins.



Yesterday's answer 4-18



00 CLASSIFIEDS CLASSIFIED ADS 260-726-8141 ADVERTISING RATES 20 Word Minimum Effective 07/01/2018: Minimum charge.... \$12.40 1 insertion.....62¢/word 2 insertions.....81¢/word 3 insertions.....96¢/word 6 insertions.... \$1.14/word 12 insertions. \$1.52/word 26 insertions. \$1.77/word Includes Online.....FREE Classified Display \$6.95/ per column inch No borders or logos allowed on Classified Page Card of Thanks Up to 100 words.... \$13.00 In Memory Up to 100 words.... \$13.00 Advertising Deadline is 12:00 p.m. the day prior to publication. Pre-Payment required for: Rummage sales, business opportunities, jobs wanted, boats and sporting equipment, wanted to rent, motorized vehicles, real estate and mobile homes.

40 NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to check your ad the first day it appears. We cannot be responsible for more than one days incorrect copy. We try hard not to make mistakes, but they do happen, and we may not know unless you call to tell us. Call before 12:00 pm for corrections. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland, Indiana 260-726-8141.

60 SERVICES

AMISH CONSTRUCTION CREW Building new & remodeling. Garages, Pole Barns, Roofing, siding, windows, ect. Call 567-279-2591 J. L. CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING LLC. Amish crew. Custom built homes, new garages, pole barns, interior/ exterior remodeling, drywall, windows, doors, siding, roofing, foundations. 260-726-5062, leave message. "SEAMSTRESS NAN" HOMEMADE Sewing and Alterations, Quilts, Baby Blankets, Applique, Zippers, Hemming, Memory T-Shirt, Special Orders, Wedding & Prom Gowns. 260.766.9334 GOODHEW'S ALL SEASON Construction- Specializing in standing seam metal roofs. When Quality Counts, Count On US. A company you can trust. Member of the BBB. New Installation and repairs. Call Rodney Thornbury, owner 765-509-0191

BANNERS 40" x 13" BUY ONE FOR \$6.95 GET ONE FOR \$3.50 Birthdays, Anniversaries, Get Well, Just Because, Valentine's Day, and Many Others. Graphic Printing, 309 West Main St., Portland. Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Custom sizes available.

Little JJ's Tree Service Tree Trimming, Removal, Stump Grinding. Firewood available 765-509-1956

GABBARD FENCE FARM • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL RESIDENTIAL • VINYL SINCE 1969 rgfence@yahoo.com (765) 546-8801

Wendel's Carpets & Upholstery Cleaning Von Schrader Dry Foam Cleaning For Quick Drying, Residential & Commercial Dave Wendel Ph. 260-726-4520 Cell 260-729-2797

E and E Construction Amish Crew BARN RESTORATION Specializing in metal roofs, decks & more FREE Estimates 260-301-1777

Bricker's Flowers & More 414 N. Meridian St. Portland Call or text to order 260-703-0304 Open 9:30-5:00 Monday - Friday 9:30-3:00 Saturday

Dave's Heating & Cooling Furnace, Air Conditioner Geothermal Sales & Service 260-726-2138 Now accepting MC/Disc/Visa

BOOLMAN'S Auto Sales & Service, Inc. Highway 67 W, Portland, Indiana 260-251-9735

BAIL BONDS Travis Weaver 260-726-3189 across street from Jail

PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD in The Commercial Review CALL 726-8141

Visit Us At: thecr.com

Lakers defeat Pelicans to advance to Denver

By DAN WOIKE

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

NEW ORLEANS — D'Angelo Russell walked to the bench in the first quarter, goading the New Orleans crowd to jeer.

The Lakers guard had just gotten tangled up with Pelicans' fan favorite and All-NBA pest Jose Alvarado, the two players both being called for technical fouls.

The crowd loved it. As Alvarado led a New Orleans second-half comeback, the fiery guard jawed right at Russell every time he beat him off the dribble, every time he made the right pass or hit the big shot.

But with Alvarado stuck at the table watching, Russell stood open in front of the Pelicans bench. And as Austin Reaves kicked the ball to Rus-

Los Angeles will be seventh seed in the West, the No. 8 seed is still between Kings and Pelicans

sell, he had a chance for revenge.

He got it. Russell's huge corner 3 and two Anthony Davis free throws after an offensive rebound were the big plays in the big moments, the Lakers advancing to the playoffs with a 110-106 win in the play-in game at Smoothie King Arena.

The Lakers will get Denver in the first round beginning on Saturday, a Western Conference finals rematch from a year ago.

Zion Williamson, a thorn in the Lakers' side all game, exited late after 40 points because of an injury.

Davis and Austin Reaves made six free throws in the final minute to hold the Pelicans off.

The notion that the Lakers would somehow dodge the Nuggets by dropping the first play-in game against the Pelicans was always ridiculous, but even more so considering their early-game approach.

LeBron James led all Lakers with 23 points on a night when they had to grind, their offensive rhythm never at 100%.

The Lakers ran up and down the court with the Pelicans early, doing the thing coach Darvin Ham said he wanted to see most from his team early — meeting New Orleans' force with force of their own.

The trouble was, though, the Lakers couldn't force the ball through the rim. Davis bricked hooks and layups in the paint.

James missed easy ones. The two made just three of their first 10 tries.

Only Russell, who scored 13 points and had four assists, found his offensive rhythm. His shot-making was just enough to keep the game from tilting too much towards the Pelicans early.

In the second, led by a strong shift from Gabe Vincent, the Lakers found their footing. For the first time since last season's NBA Finals, Vincent made multiple 3s. James got going and got to the line. And the Lakers flipped the game.

They rolled out of halftime, despite Davis' struggles, leading by as many as 18 in the third before New Orleans made their final run.

Williamson, who was so quiet on Sunday, got downhill and to the basket. James, who played with so much burst in the Lakers' Game No. 82, looked cemented to the court on two blown layups.

And the Pelicans' deep shooting, which had misfired in the middle two quarters, got hot late, trimming that lead all the way down to a single possession in the back half of the fourth.

The Pelicans tied it emphatically, on a Williamson lob dunk, after another in a stretch of broken possessions ended with Reaves rimming out a 35-footer with the Lakers against the shot clock.

But a big jumper from James over Herb Jones and a Russell steal that led to a Reaves-Davis lob were enough late-game offense for the Lakers to hold on.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Molly Muhlenkamp smiles as she reaches the 300-meter mark of the 4x800 relay on Tuesday. With the meet being the only home competition for the Jay County High School track team, it acted as their senior night and several of Muhlenkamp's friends showed up and cheered her to prompt the smile.

Home ...

Continued from page 8
DeHoff's year ended at the sectional last season, but she was knocking on the door after missing an automatic berth.

"It was overall just good with all of the events," DeHoff said. "Hurdles has been going good this year, but long jump especially. I was really close to regionals last year with my best at 15 feet, 4 inches. This season I've already jumped to

15 feet, 9 inches, so we're looking good."

The Jay County boys struggled to score against the Tigers. They only captured two victories, with one going to Adam Alig in the high jump. He tied with Bluffton's Austin Geimer and Eli Bertsch at 5 feet, 10 inches. Bertsch scratched his first attempt at 5 feet, inches, to fall to third while Alig and Geimer stayed tied at top.

The only other first-place finish

came from first-year track athlete Caden Gambill. The junior who is starting to learn more about sprinting ran the 100 dash in 11.72 seconds to beat out his opponent from Bluffton by 0.03 seconds and secure his first high school victory.

"I feel really good," Gambill said. "I'm working on getting off the blocks faster. If I can get off the blocks faster I can accelerate faster and it'll get better."



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Blake Collins hands off the baton to Caden Gambill during the 4x100-meter relay Tuesday when the Jay County High School track team hosted the Bluffton Tigers at West Jay Elementary School. Gambill had one of three first-place finishes for the boys in the 97-26 loss.

Jay ...

Dillon faced Lily Hall for over two hours before clinching the win for the Patriots (3-1). She took the first set 6-2 and the second set needed to go to a tie breaker. The senior fell behind 6-2 to Hall before storming back to win the tiebreaker and take the set 6-2, 7-6 (8-6).

Brenna Haines and Brenna Bailey secured the other two points in the No.1 and 2 singles. Haines beat Emily Bilyeu 6-2, 6-2, while Bailey took down Lainey Hamaker 6-1, 6-1.

Both doubles teams fell to the Eagles. Meredith

Dirksen and Sophia Sprunger lost the No. 1 doubles match to Sloane Harrison and Campbell Quire 6-3, 6-1.

Karlee Cole and Laela Deitzer defeated Zion Beiswanger and Chloe Ruiz 7-6 (7-1), 6-2.

The junior varsity team secured four wins, but dropped four matches as well.

Hines leads

The Jay County Junior High School golf team won its season opener against Richmond Tues-

day 157-158 in a six-hole

match at Portland Golf Club.

Karson Hines shot a match-low 33 strokes that included bogeys on holes No. 3 and 4.

Tony Swartenstruber earned the only par for the Patriots. He did so on the par-4 fourth hole.

Bailey Towel and Kason Sims rounded out the team scoring with 42 strokes each.

Playing the No. 6 golfer, Crystal Swartenstruber shot a 41 that didn't contribute to the team score.

Jay County (1-0) will host Delta today.

Indians ...

Continued from page 8

Jenna Homan got stuck with the loss after pitching all but one out and giving up six runs, only two of which were earned. She struck out seven batters while allowing three hits and six walks.

Both of the Indians' runs came in the first inning. Ava Grisez scored Emma Will from first base on a single to right field and later came around to score on a passed ball.

First inning struggles

FORT RECOVERY — A rocky start for Fort Recovery's baseball team resulted in a 13-3 loss to the Coldwater

Cavaliers in six innings Tuesday.

Alex Dues struggled on the mound for the Indians (4-3, 1-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) as he allowed all six batters he faced to reach base. Troy Homan came in and the first batter reached base on an error before the next three got out but the damage was done as the Cavaliers (9-0, 2-0 MAC) now had a five-run advantage.

Dues suffered the loss as a result of the first inning.

Reece Wendel had the strongest offensive performance, driving in two runs and scoring one as well. Alex Gaerke was the only Indian with more than one hit.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Northeastern — 4:30 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. New Castle — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Adams Central — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Delta — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Delta — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Marion Local — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Marion Local — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Track at Ansonia — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at Shenandoah — 5 p.m.; Softball vs.

Madison-Grant — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball at Arcanum — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
4:30 p.m. — College gymnastics: NCAA championships (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — College football: Indiana spring game (BTN)
9 p.m. — College gymnastics: NCAA championships (ESPN2)
9:30 p.m. — NHL: Edmonton Oilers at Colorado Avalanche (ESPN)
9:45 p.m. — MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks at

San Francisco Giants (FS1)

Friday
3:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Chinese Grand Prix (ESPN2)
2:45 p.m. — BBL basketball: Manchester Giants at Leicester Riders (Bally Indiana)
5:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Ag-Pro 300 (FS1)
6:30 p.m. — Wrestling: U.S. Olympic trials (USA)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Los Angeles Angels at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College baseball: Florida at Vander-

bilt (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — College baseball: Penn State at Central Michigan (BTN)
10 p.m. — PFL fighting: Welterweights & featherweights (ESPN)
11:45 p.m. — AFL football: Port Adelaide Power at Collingwood Magpies (FS1)

Local notes

Challenge set
The Adams County 5K Run/Walk Challenge for the 2024 season will begin April 20, where participants 19-years-old or older can compete

in a total of eight races within Adams County. The cost to register for the challenge is \$150 and will enter participants in all eight races, with five needing to be completed for the Challenge Series award.

Challengers don't need to be from Adams County, but only the first 100 entries will compete. Participation in individual events is available as well.

To sign up or for more information, visit www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

<p>90 SALE CALENDAR</p> <p>PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2024 9:00 A.M. LOCATED: 3430 W State Road 67, Portland, IN or 3 1/2 miles west of Portland at the corner of Hwy 67 and County Road 200 South. FARM TRACTORS—FARM EQUIP.—CONSTRUCTION EQUIP.—TRUCKS—TRAILER—VEHICLES—RIDING MOWERS—ATVS—ATTACHMENTS—MISC. NOW ACCEPTING CONSIGNMENTS UNTIL NOON, THURSDAY, MAY 2ND, 2024. Statements made sale</p>	<p>90 SALE CALENDAR</p> <p>day take precedence over written ad. TERMS: CASH OR GOOD CHECK NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR NO SHOWS AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Indiana Sales Tax will be collected at this auction. AREA CONTRACTORS & FARMERS OWNERS AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587 www.auctionzip.com — Auctioneer ID #4243</p>	<p>100 JOBS WANTED</p> <p>AMISH CREW LOOKING FOR any work. No job is too big or small. Pole barns, roofing, remodeling. 260-849-2489.</p> <p>130 MISC. FOR SALE</p> <p>PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information.</p> <p>ALUMINUM SHEETS 23"x30", .007 thick. Clean and shiny on one side..35 cents each or four for \$1.40, plus tax. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland 260-726-8141.</p>	<p>190 FARMERS COLUMN</p> <p>AG RENTAL Spreaders: BBI, Artsway Vertical. New Holland 228 skid loaders w/full cab, heat/ac. Fort Recovery 419-852-0309</p> <p>200 FOR RENT</p> <p>LEASE SPACE available, Coldwater, OH. Manufacturing, warehousing, assembly, distribution, offices, inside and outdoor storage. Easy access to major highways and railroad access with loading docks and overhead cranes available. Contact Sycamore Group, 419-678-5318, www.sycamore.space.com</p>	<p>230 AUTOS, TRUCKS</p> <p>WE PAY CASH for junk autos. We pick up at your location. 1-765-546-2642 or 1-765-857-1071. Slocum's Salvage</p> <p>SUBSCRIBE TO THE COMMERCIAL REVIEW up to 49% off Newsstand prices Subscribe at thecr.com or call 260-726-8141</p>	<p>GET IT IN THE CLASSIFIEDS</p> <p>You never know what you might find in The Commercial Review Classifieds.</p> <p>From a new car to a new home, to a new job, the Classifieds deliver!</p> <p>Go to thecr.com or call 260-726-8141</p>
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

JCHS baseball team picks up second win in a row, see story below

Jay tennis picked up a match against New Castle, see Sports on tap

Sports

Right next to home

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review
DUNKIRK — With the cleathouse project and installment of a turf football field, the Patriots were forced off of their home track.

The former site of Dunkirk High School hosted the Patriots to give them an opportunity for a home meet, and the girls didn't disappoint.

The Jay County High School girls track team put together a strong performance with three girls capturing multiple first-place finishes to help take down the Bluffton Tigers 77-46 Tues-

Jay girls track team wins sole home meet hosted at West Jay Elementary School

day at West Jay Elementary School. The boys were overpowered in a 97-26 loss.

"The girls did really well, just how I expected," JCHS coach Joe Imel said. "Looking at the boys, Bluffton has a really strong team, but I'm really pleased with some of the performances."

Morgan DeHoff, Jenna Dues and Alexis Sibray led the way for the girls, accounting for

seven individual victories. At least one of them was on each relay team that won.

Each of the three girls succeeded in a different kind of event as DeHoff ran in the hurdles, Dues in the sprints and Sibray in the distance.

"We're really a well-rounded team on the girls side," Imel said. "We don't have a lot of standouts, but we've got some really good girls on the team and

we've got them everywhere which will really help us when it comes tournament time."

Dues and Sibray both competed in the regional meet last season — in the 200-meter dash and the 800 run, respectively.

Sibray won the 800 run on Tuesday with a time of 2 minutes, 42 seconds, and the 1,600 run in 6:28. She also ran on the 4x800 relay and the 4x400 relay that each took first place.

Dues' times of 28.95 seconds and 13.29 seconds earned her the top spot in the 200 and 100 dash. She tied for first place with Molly Muhlenkamp and Mya Kunkler in the high jump, reaching 4 feet, 8 inches.

Dues also ran the second leg for the 4x100 relay team that included DeHoff as the first leg.

DeHoff's victories came in the 100 hurdles and the long jump (15 feet, 3.5 inches). She added a third place finish in the 300 hurdles, while Makenzie Murphy claimed the victory in 53.56 seconds.

See Home page 7



Find the **right person** for the job right here!

Sixteen Indians claim wins for track

ST. HENRY, Ohio — The girls have already proven to have a strong team. The boys are building themselves up.

Between the two, 16 Indians can claim they won an event on Tuesday.

The Fort Recovery High School track teams competed in a four-team meet at St. Henry on Tuesday, with the girls placing second, while the boys got third place.

The girls team tallied 78 points to finish as the runner-up to Minster (96). Minster also won the boys competition with 107 points, while FRHS tallied 55.

Top finishes from the boys team include Austin Steinbrunner in the 200-meter dash (24.33 seconds), Trevor Heitkamp in the 1,600 run (4 minutes, 33.75 seconds) and Lucas Acheson in the high jump (5 feet, 8 inches).

Mara Pearson, Anna Roessner and Kiana Matsuda won sprinting and hurdles events for the girls. Pearson claimed the 100 dash in 12.94 seconds. Rosserner got wins in the 200 dash (25.9) and the 400 run (59.95). Matsuda's victory came in the 300 hurdles (49.44).

Natalie Brunswick's win in the 1,600 run (5:20.58) was the only top-finish for a distance event.

In the field events, Pearson and Karlie Niekamp both claimed first-place finishes. Pearson's 17 feet, 3 inch jump earned first in the long jump, while Niekamp handled the discus with a throw of 108 feet, 5 inches.

FRHS roundup

Winning relays included: Paige Guggenbiller; Aubrey Shuttleworth, Matsuda and Pearson in the girls 4x100 relay (55 seconds)

Connor Kaikaila, Steinbrunner, Benjamin Ingold and Micheal Laux in the boys 4x100 relay (46.3)

Guggenbiller, Matsuda, Maddie Heitkamp and Shuttleworth in the girls 4x200 relay (1:53.4)

Matsuda, Ellie Will, Brunswick and Roessner in the 4x400 relay (4:15.57).

Walks hurt Tribe

COLDWATER, Ohio — A five-run sixth inning kept the Fort Recovery softball team from securing its second Midwest Athletic Conference win on Tuesday as the Coldwater Cavaliers got away with a 6-2 triumph.

The Indians (3-6, 1-2 MAC) held a 2-1 advantage for most of the game. The flood gates opened for Coldwater (4-4, 2-0 MAC) in the sixth as a pair of walks set up the rally.

Tori Timmerman singled to center field to tie the game, before a ground out and an error led to two more runs. Two more walks loaded the bases for Claire Steinke, who's single to center pushed in the final two runs.

See Indians page 7

Jay baseball gets second win

The Patriots secured their first win over the weekend after starting the season with five-straight losses.

Just three days later, they have already picked up their second win.

The Jay County High School baseball team scored four runs in the fifth inning to overcome the Norwell Knights 6-5 on Tuesday.

Norwell (5-3) scored a pair of runs in the fourth inning to hold a 4-2 advantage over the Patriots (2-5).

Jay County started off the fifth inning strong as Jackson Edwards doubled before Drew Schemenaur's single drove him in. A hit batter, a single and two outs later, Ryne Goldsworthy drew a walk to score the second run of the inning and tie the game.

Two more runs scored as Grant Wendel hit the ball to Lane Lewis at shortstop, who committed an error that plated Parker Nichols and Joe Geesaman.

Edwards got the win, pitching 2.2 innings, while only giving up one run. Sam Myers slammed the door shut in the seventh to record the save.

Pats edge Tigers

BLUFFTON — The Jay County boys golf team bounced back from the loss in its match-play opener to

Jay Co. roundup

take down the Bluffton Tigers 188-189 on Tuesday at Timber Ridge Golf Course.

In a match full of high scores, Caleb DeRome shot the lowest for Jay County (1-1, 1-0 Allen County Athletic Conference) with a 45.

Even Connor Klopenstein of Bluffton, the match medalist, finished with 40 strokes, failing to break into the 30s.

Cody DeHoff's 47 strokes ended up being the second best score for the Patriots. Both Gage Sims and Liam Garringer shot a 48 to round out the team score for Jay County.

Isaac Homan's 51 did not affect the final.

The junior varsity team beat Bluffton 212-243. Luke Fugiet's 49 strokes led the way for the squad.

Dillon battles

Maggie Dillon won a long battle in the No. 3 singles match to secure a 3-2 victory for the Jay County girls tennis team over the Frankton Eagles on Tuesday.

See Jay page 7

WELDING

PORTABLE & SHOP SPECIAL ATTENTION TO BREAKDOWNS!

VORE'S WELDING & STEEL INC.

- COMMERCIAL WELDING & FABRICATION
- SPECIALIZED WELDING & BRAZING (ALUMINUM & STAINLESS STEEL)

PHONE (419) 375-4087 3234 ST. RT. 49N, BOX 37
 FAX (419) 375-2466 FORT RECOVERY, OH 45846
 vores@bright.net

VETERINARIAN

BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

- Vaccinate
- Spay/Neuter
- Microchip
- Protect against fleas & worms

Teeth Cleaning too!

Call Portland Veterinary Clinic
 Christian Bader, DVM 260-726-7370

MECHANIC

STU'S GARAGE L.L.C.

Specializing in diesel engines, medium and heavy duty truck, and agricultural equipment
 Air conditioning equipped & certified

Stuart Terrell
 11490 W. SR. 28
 Redkey, IN 47373
 (765) 789-4899
 Cell: (765) 729-8301

WATER SYSTEMS

ECOWATER SYSTEMS

OF HARTFORD CITY, LLC
 (765) 348-2587
 413 W. Water St. • Hartford City, IN 47348
 Jacob H. Holsten
 Owner

Your Water Perfected.™

SERVICE

This Space AVAILABLE for \$60⁰⁰

Call (260) 726-8141
 Ad Department

DENTIST

- We are accepting new patients
- We offer all general dentistry
- Complete cosmetic dentistry
- Root Canals
- Anxiety-Free oral sedation
- Payment plans

VORMOHR FAMILY DENTISTRY
 Kyongha Vormohr, DDS
 260-726-7822

AUTO PARTS

Williams Auto Parts

Used Auto & Truck Parts
 1127 S. Detroit Avenue • Portland, IN 47371
 (260) 726-8001 • (800) 669-5762
 www.williamsautopartsinc.com

REAL ESTATE

JACKHOUCK REAL ESTATE
 260-729-2164

1415 W. Volaw St.
 PORTLAND, IN 47371
 jackhouck2012@gmail.com

DENTISTRY

george family DENTISTRY

Malcolm C. George • (260) 726-4710 • Portland, IN

MONUMENTS

Jay County Monuments

Located in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.
 Steve Prescott, Sales Representative, has over 30 years of sales and service experience.
 Providing FREE quotes and answers to your questions.
 We are a proud distributor of Edwin F. Nikol, Inc. Monuments

260-726-7171

It's not a day in a life, but a life in a day.

ADVERTISERS, call 260-726-8141 or email ads@thecr.com.